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prior to administration of the liposome composition and wherein the liposome has an average diameter of from at least about 200 nm to about 5000 nm.

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- 14. (Amended) The method of Claim 13, wherein the functional group is a hydroxyl, thiol epoxide or amine group.
- 16. (Amended) The method of Claim 15, wherein the bioactive agent is a contrast agent, antibacterial agent, antiviral agent, antifungal agent, anti-parasitic agent, tumoricidal agent, carbohydrate, polypeptide, peptide, toxin, enzyme, hormone, neurotransmitter, glycoprotein, lipoprotein, immunomodulator, vasodilator, dye, radiolabel, fluorescent compound, receptor binding molecule, anti-inflammatory agent, mydriatic compound, local anesthetic, narcotic, vitamin, polynucleotide, nucleoside, or nucleotide.

Please cancel Claims 18-53, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new Claims 54-57:

(New) The method of Claim 16, wherein the contrast agent is a MRI contrast agent, a radio-contrast agent, or a water-soluble iodinated contrast agent.

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- 55. (New) The method of Claim 15, wherein the bioactive agent is an antimetabolite.
- 2027 56. (New) The method of Claim 15, wherein the bioactive agent is an immunoglobulin.

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